Milk Supply Scheme at Bangalore.

*Q.—57. Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before them to start milk supply scheme at Bangalore to facilitate the ryots of Bangalore District;

(*b*) how far the scheme has progressed and what is the total budget provided for this scheme and the percentage of financial aid from the Centre and the State for this scheme;

(*c*) whether they intend to take up this scheme very earnestly and start the milk producers co-operative societies in the taluks of Nelamangala, Magadi, Doddaballapur and Bangalore North for the current year?

A.—Sri N. RACHIAH (Minister for Agriculture, Excise and Social Welfare).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A scheme is in operation since January 1958, handling 12,000 lbs. of milk per day. The total budget provided during the Second Five-year Plan is Rs. 18,48,000 and the Govern, ment of India assistance is 60 per cent grant *viz.*, Rs. 11,08,800 and 40 per cent loan, *viz.*, Rs. 7,39,200. The recurring cost of Rs. 1,64,000 is borne by the State Government.

(*c*) Yes. But it may not be possible to form the Co-operative Societies during the current year.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—May I know from Government the progress of the construction work at Subashnagar, Bangalore, the foundation for which was laid by, Sri Jain the then Agriculture Minister of the Government of India?

†Sri N. RACHIAH.—With regard to putting up a building at Subashnagar, Government took a decision early in the year that the project should be located there. But recently about 2 months ago the UNICEF Engineer had come here and inspected the site. He did not approve the site because this was going to be a very big project and the site at Subashnagar would not be sufficient for this project. He has selected 2 sites, one near the Mental Hospital and the other near the Hebbal Agricultural College. One of these sites will be finally approved by them and then the Government will take up the question of constructing the building.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—When there is a budget grant of Rs. 18½ lakhs of which 60% is to be met by the Centre and the rest by the State Government and since we are now coming towards the end of the Second Five-year Plan period, are we at all definite that we are going to utilise the entire amount within the Second Five-year Plan period?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Much depends upon the availability of the building. For the information of the Hon'ble member, I may say that the cost of the scheme is not Rs. 18½ lakhs but it is going to cost Rs. 93 lakhs. This is a very big project by the UNICEF organisation. It will operate not only in the Second Plan but it will also operate during the Third Plan. After the site is finally selected the State Government will take immediate action to put up the building.

Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA.—As this is a very important scheme which will facilitate both the ryots of Bangalore and also the population of Bangalore, are you going to start producers' marketing society for every taluk of this District?

Sri N. RACHIAH.—Within a radius of 25 miles we are going to form these co-operative societies and so the ryots will be benefited. The citizens of Bangalore also will be benefited and all concerned will be benefited and much more so the poorer section of the population will be given some concession and subsidy in the supply of milk.

Prevention of pests and diseases to food crops.

*Q.—58. Sri ALUR HANUMANTHAPPA (Nelamangala).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether there is any programme of work in the Agriculture